

Abacus Primary School News

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What a fantastic time we all had when Glee club visited the O2 on Wednesday to take part in Young Voices 2020.

It was such a pleasure to go along and share this event with the 23 children...we are already looking forward to next year's event which will be the 25th Young Voice event.

The children all sang with such enthusiasm and excitement. The event was made even more special when we arrived and found out that we had been allocated two boxes!

Thank you to all the parents and family members that came along to support the children with this event and for your lovely

feedback...it's really appreciated. Lastly thank you to Mrs Mugford and Miss Waters for preparing the children for this event through their endless enthusiasm and commitment to Glee Club.

As always the children behaved fantastically well, we were even complimented by our coach driver on the way home about how polite the children are at Abacus.



Next week we

will be WEEK 2 of our school menu



Tuesday 11th February 2020—Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February 2020—Orange Class assembly at 2.30pm

Thursday 13th February 2020—children finish for half term

Friday 14th February 2020—Staff INSET—curriculum



World Book Day - Vocabulary Parade

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. This year, rather than dressing up as book characters, we would like to have our very first Vocabulary Parade! Our aim is to get everybody excited about the power of words and learn some new ones along the way. We would like everybody to dress up as a word (noun, adjective or verb) - the more unusual the better! The word needs to be displayed somewhere on the costume so that everyone can learn. There will be prizes for the most imaginative costume. See below for some ideas and there are plenty of examples on the internet.

Thank you for your support in developing our children's vocabulary!



SCHOOLS OUT
FAMILY ACTIVITY CLUB

Schools Out is a new Family Activity Club recently set up by Rachel Voller (previous Extended services and CLC Manager) For more details and to see what exciting

events are on offer for February half term please visit her website www.schoolsoutfac.co.uk or contact her directly on : 07795 972477



What a fantastic Maths Week we have had at Abacus. The focus this year was on Maths All Around the World and we have had a chance to explore different aspects of maths while learning about different countries...and even space!



Foundation and Year 5/6 have explored maths through Space, as that is what their topics are. Foundation built rockets to help them explore space using 3D shapes. Year 6 were scaling down the planets and their orbits to create models. Year 3 had a go at doing Maths in French and did a tres bien job! Year 4 investigated food miles, charting how far an avocado travels to get to our plates. Year 1 had a go at measuring and then used their knowledge to help them make delicious sandwiches. Year 2 launched Times Table Rockstars and had a go at playing times tables games to improve their skills.

The week finished off with a cake sale and dressing up to help raise money for the NSPCC. The cake sale was a huge success and we thank everyone who brought in their delicious donations. Costumes were judged and prizes were given to children who were extra creative in their creations.

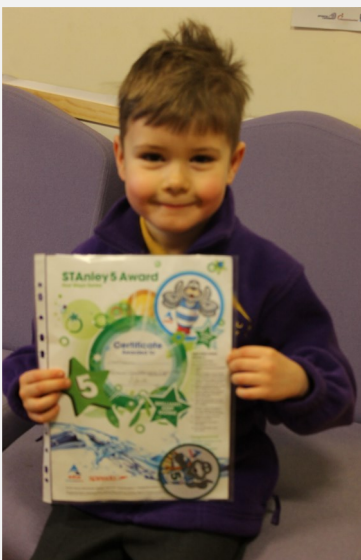


Well done to everyone on a fantastic week and thank you for all your hard work. We will let you know how much we raised for the NSPCC in next week's newsletter.

More photos can be seen on our website.



Well done to Nathan, Nathan and Bella for their achievements in their clubs this week.



OUR CURRICULUM

On Monday, Anglian Water came in to spend the day with Year 3, as part of their 'The Wonderful World of Water' topic. The children had the opportunity to learn about where

water comes from, how to save water at home and what we should and should not put down the pipes.

"I liked when we all got to have a turn of stirring the sewage soup" - **Bella B**

"I learnt that used water is cleaned then put back into the rivers" - **Aimee D**

"I learnt that fats and oil put down the sink builds up in the pipes and it gets blocked" **Harley B**



Year 4 walked to Wickford high street on Thursday as part of a geography lesson and part of their

UK topic. They also linked this visit with Maths week by collecting data.

Thank you to the parents that came along to support the trip.



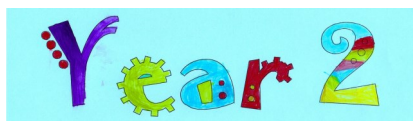
Spotlight on our Curriculum



Another exciting week in Foundation as we have focused on different aspects of Maths. From measuring and weighing to make jelly and playdough, sorting out flying saucers to making our 3D rockets. Lots to talk about at home.



Year 1 has been busy focusing on sandwiches. Writing instructions, designing them, making them and of course eating them. Yum! Yum! For Maths week, we have also been learning to weigh and compare different weights too.



In Year 2 we have been learning the name of the 5 oceans and their features. We have discussed our favourite animals and put them into a pictogram. We have been using our graphs to answer questions about our data. We have written instructions for making pancakes in English.



On Monday we had a visit from Anglian Water. We learnt about the water cycle, saving water and waste water. We made a sewage soup to see what goes down the pipes.



Year 4 enjoyed their walk into Wickford town centre. They collected data in a form of a tally chart and then transferred their data into a bar chart.



We have had an amazing week linking our Maths and Science. Our first activity was to cut the planets and sun out after scaling down the sizes. Then we used this to create the solar system and understand the orbits of the planets. We were shocked to see the difference in the sizes of the planets.

Now that the colder weather has arrived, please can all children ensure they have an outdoor P.E kit in school.